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1. CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM BUDGET REVIEW. FOLLOWING ARE
HIGHLIGHTS.

A. CANCER. DG PROPOSED AND OBTAINED APPROVAL FOR APPOINTMENT
OF PROFESSOR AUJALEU AS CONSULTANT TO REVIEW IARC MEMBERSHIP
AND CLOSER INTEGRATION OF CANCER PROGRAMS IN WHO BETWEEN
HEADQUARTERS AND IARC.

B. PHARMACEUTICALS. SEVERAL LDCS COMPLAINED ABOUT HIGH COST
OF DRUGS NEEDED FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS. DR. FATTO-
RUSSO (SECRETARIAT) SAID THAT SHORT LIST OF 150 ESSENTIAL
DRUGS DEVELOPED FOR TREATING MAJOR DISEASES IN VARIOUS LDCS.
TWO PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED: 1) IMMEDIATE SUPPLIES NEEDED IN LDCS;
2) LONG-TERM NEEDS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A DEGREE OF LDC
SELF-RELIANCE. DDG LAMBO EMPHASIZED IMPROVING LIAISON WITH
MULTI-NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

C. 1978 BUDGET LEVEL. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION BROUGHT
PROPOSAL FROM DG MAHLER TO SAVE \$70,000 FROM NEW
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PUBLICATION PROJECT AND \$600,000 FROM VIRTUALLY CERTAIN
CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHC CONFERENCE, THUS REDUCING BUDGET
LEVEL BY \$670,000. USSR EXPRESSED RESENTMENT AT
FREQUENT LINKING OF PHC CONFERENCE TO BUDGET LEVEL.
DG REJECTED THIS INFERENCE.

D. REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT: DURING FULL DAY SATURDAY

SESSION, REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORTS WERE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED. ONLY MAJOR ITEM WAS FURTHER REFERENCE BY WHO'S EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL OFFICE TO HIGH COST OF PHARMACEUTICALS AMOUNTING TO AS MUCH AS 30 PERCENT OF SOME NATIONAL HEALTH BUDGETS.

E. WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR STATED THAT TO DATE NO CONTACTS ESTABLISHED WITH CAMBODIA. CATTO

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